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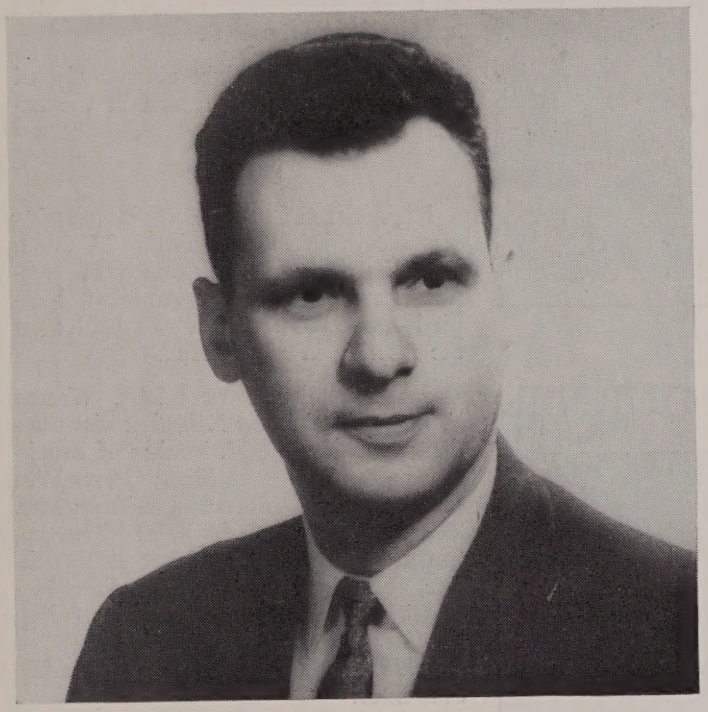
HOSPITAL WELCOMES WESLEY D. SPRAGUE TO NEW POSITION OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



WESLEY D. SPRAGUE

Former Brockton Hospital Administrator Is Now Secretary of N. E. Hospital Assembly

Wesley D. Sprague, formerly administrator of the Brockton Hospital, is now associate director of the New England Deaconess Hospital.

Sprague's appointment was announced by Francis W. Capper, corporation president, and he was welcomed to his new Deaconess position in September. Testimonials by his many friends and Brockton civic leaders marked his departure from his former post.

During five years as head of the Brockton Hospital, his professional accomplishment and personal affability earned community recognition and gratitude.

While at Brockton he was treasurer of the South Shore Regional Hospital Council. He is now serving as secretary of the New England Hospital Assembly.

Sprague, a native of Verona, N. Y., is married to the former Betty Hoffman of Stanley, N. Y. They have two children, Gary 11, and Carolyn 8, and recently moved to 184 Valley Road, Needham.

Deaconess Hospital's new associate director was assistant director of the Newton-Wellesley Hospital for five years before going to Brockton. He is a graduate of Hamilton College in Clinton, N. Y., and earned a Master of Science degree in Hospital Administration at Columbia University, School of Public Health.

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ENROLLMENT AT NURSING SCHOOL SETS RECORD HIGH FOR 2ND YEAR

For the second consecutive year the New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing enrolled a record-breaking number of students.

Sixty nurses-to-be entered training on September 9 in the class of 1960. This topped last year's class by four and set an all-time record for the school.

An important factor in the growing admittance figure is the elimination of a January class, put into effect this year.

Five New England states and New York are represented in the new class. Forty students hail from Massachusetts, one from Rhode Island, four from Connecticut, five from New Hampshire, nine from Maine and one from New York.

Students and their parents were guests of the nursing school faculty at a tea and a reception on opening day.

USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, CAR POOLS URGED TO AID PARKING

With parking woes on the increase in the hospital area, employees are urged to use public transportation whenever possible.

A police drive against illegal parking on the streets was intensified this month and will continue indefinitely. Hospital parking areas cannot handle the number of cars driven to work by employees.

John Slayton, administrative assistant, also asks that car pools be arranged by employees living in the same town or city to help alleviate the parking difficulties.

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING — Tea is served in Harris Hall after the business session by Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham. Re-elected for a second term as president was Miss Dorothy B. Seccomb, right. Mrs. Frederick N. Blodgett, center, chairman of the Council of Hospital Auxiliaries of the American Hospital Association, was principal speaker.

Served Deaconess for 30 Years

STANLEY O. MACMULLEN MOURNED

"Deeply imbedded in the future course of this institution will lie the determination and spirit of this loyal servant."

These words of tribute were written by Bishop John Wesley Lord when Stanley O. MacMullen relinquished his active hospital leadership in 1953 after earning the respect and gratitude of all who recognized his selfless role in the progress of the Deaconess.

They are echoed now as the Deaconess Hospital family mourns the death of Mr. MacMullen, who for 24 years was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Corporation and for more than 30 years served as a trustee.

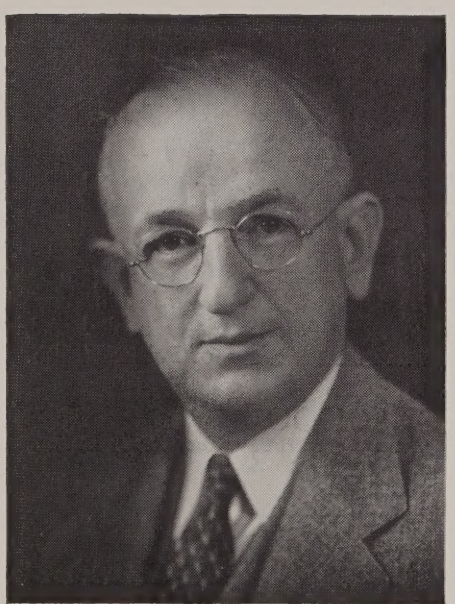
"Upon his judgment rested many decisions in guiding the destiny of this nine-million-dollar corporation. The years have proved the rightness of his choices."

Mr. MacMullen died in June at the hospital.

He was born in 1897 in Upper Portlatour, Nova Scotia. As a leading Boston business executive, he gained prominence with two insurance firms, the W.B.B. Childs Co. and the Kimball, Gillman Co. of which he was a senior partner.

Mr. MacMullen had been president of the board of trustees of the Morgan Memorial, president of the Wesleyan Association and a member of the board of publications of the Methodist Church.

He was a member of the board of trustees of the Newtonville Methodist Church, the Preachers' Aid Society of the Methodist Church and New England Conference of Methodist Churches.



Stanley O. MacMullen

FRIENDS RE-ELECT SLATE HEADED BY MISS D. B. SECCOMB

Friends of the Deaconess re-elected their entire slate of officers to serve for a second term at the annual meeting of the group in the Joslin Auditorium on October 15.

Miss Dorothy B. Seccomb of Boston remains president of the Friends. Long one of the most active officials of the Friends, Miss Seccomb in the past has served as a vice-president and as chairman of committees which conducted benefits for the hospital.

She was one of eight persons elected members of the Corporation at the annual meeting last year.

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Highlight of the Friends meeting was a talk by Mrs. Frederick N. Blodgett, chairman of the Council of Hospital Auxiliaries of the American Hospital Association. A tea was held after the meeting in Harris Hall.

Others re-elected were Mrs. Warren F. Cook of Chestnut Hill, first vice-president; Mrs. Eugene H. Mather of Brookline, second vice-president; Mrs. John Hill of Boston, third vice-president; Mrs. Shields Warren of West Newton, treasurer; Mrs. Lyman Hoyt of Brookline, recording secretary; Mrs. John McKittrick of West Newton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Henry W. Porter of Brookline, chairman of the membership committee.

VOLUNTEERS BEGIN THERAPY PROGRAM

A diversional occupational therapy program, headed by Mrs. Vincent Gray and Mrs. C. Cabell Bailey, has been started by Deaconess Hospital volunteers.

Others participating in the reorganized activity, designed to speed the recovery of patients, include Mrs. Eugene Clapp, Mrs. H. E. Brubaker and Mrs. George Dempsey.

Patients will enjoy new interests and accomplishments as they are taught to make belts, toys, wallets, key cases and similar small, useful items.

Engagements

Adelaide M. Emery, class of 1958, to Dr. Roderick J. O'Neil.

Carolyn H. Carr, class of 1959, to Richard F. Bates.

Carol A. Schreiber, class of 1959, to Pfc. Charles W. Kallinen.

Barbara I. Buckley, class of 1959, to Franklin W. Wickland.

Nancy E. Cook, class of 1956, to Robert P. Hanrahan.

Joan D. Shaw, class of 1956, to Gene A. Reeves.

Cynthia R. Cameron, class of 1958, to Robert K. Ramsay.

Mary H. Lee, laboratory technician, to John C. Austin.

Catherine D. Allen, class of 1953, to William J. Burke.

Janet Bidgood, class of 1958, to Bruce J. Loughlin.

Barbara Ross, solution room nurse, to John C. Wollensak.

Weddings

Corinne T. Flaherty, staff nurse, to James B. Pickett.

Marilyn R. Pearson, class of 1956, to Lt. George E. Walton.

Nancy A. Peabody, class of 1956, to Joseph R. Steele.

Mary E. Keenan, class of 1956, to Lt. Richard W. Boyle.

Joan M. Wilson, X-ray technician, to Richard A. Woodhead.

Helen E. White, staff nurse, to Ralph A. Bowie.

Nancy M. Jackson, staff nurse, to George Halewood.

Dorothy Smith, class of 1957, to Kenneth R. Openshaw.

Julia Livingston, X-ray technician, to William M. Northrup.

FUN IN THE SUN — It's hard work, too, but these 1959 Juniors are enjoying their project of washing cars to earn donations for their yearbook fund. Among the students who cleaned over 50 cars are, left to right, Mary Jane Whelpley, Judith Koskella, Carol Robinson, Eleanor Jackson, Marjorie Garney and Nancy Bonjorno.

50 CARS WASHED BY NURSING SCHOOL CLASS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YEARBOOK AND GIFT

Glamour overtook the Deaconess parking lots on Sept. 26 and 27. An automotive scrubdown swept in dollars and cents for Nursing School students.

Enterprise and hard work of the 1959 Juniors put glitter in the chrome, gleam in the glass of over 50 cars. Each set of manicured mudguards earned a donation toward their yearbook fund.

Any surplus after final accounting will help finance a gift to the school. Other classes in recent years have contributed a television set for the recreation room, a portable typewriter and hi-fi set.

Heading the car-washing committee was Doris Ritter. Committee members were Gail Liberty, Carol Robinson, Janet Staples and Judith Koskella.

Dedicated by Boston City Officials

PARK BECOMES DR. JOSLIN MONUMENT

Dr. Elliott P. Joslin Park was dedicated on July 15 by city officials and noted physicians as a tribute to the world-famed diabetes authority.

The city-owned land between the Diabetes Foundation building and Harris Hall was designated a public monument to the Deaconess Hospital physician at outdoor ceremonies. Frank R. Kelley, Boston Park Commissioner, presided.

Others participating were Francis W. Capper, Deaconess Hospital president; Dr. Patrick J. Sullivan, president of the Massachusetts Medical Association, and Paul Hines of the Mayor's office.

In making the announcement, Mayor Hynes said that "it is because of Dr. Joslin's valuable contributions to the medical world and the dedication of his life to the aid of the poor and the sick, coupled with the far-reaching fame he brought to Boston, now the undisputed medical center of the world, that I am prompted to designate a public monument in his honor."

During the summer, shade trees were planted, benches installed and grass and flowers cultivated to beautify the grounds of Dr. Elliott P. Joslin Park.

PUPPETS BRING JOY TO YOUNG PATIENTS

Loneliness fades quickly for tiny tots admitted to the Children's Ward on Deaconess II. Perky the Puppet is the first friend to greet them and he remains at bedside during the full stay.

Perky is the creation of Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham who has been making the puppets for several months. Upon admission, the colorful toy is presented with a tag attached, serving as an introduction. A verse is on the tag.

ARTHUR T. DOOLEY CHAPEL

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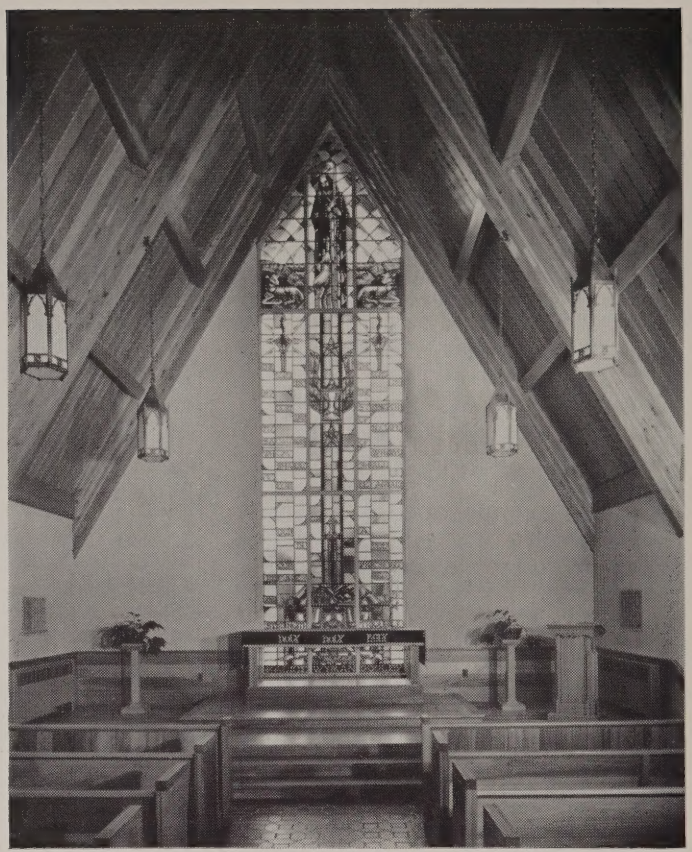

HERE . . . AND THERE

Mrs. Margaret Holmes, health coordinator, and Miss Marjorie Pond, Deaconess supervisor, recently attended a three-day instructor course in disaster nursing sponsored by the Civil Defense Administration and Massachusetts League for Nursing. Certificates were presented to 60 registered nurses who attended. Dr. John Tullis of CRI spoke on the radiological effects of atomic bombing.

Felix Galasti, painting expert with 27 years of service in the maintenance department, is winning praise for his interior decorating job in the new coffee shop.

Ann Millard, who volunteered at the Deaconess as a Red Cross Nurses Aide from 1953 to 1956, has carried her volunteer work to Alaska where she is a civilian employee of the air force. Stationed in Fairbanks, she is secretary of the junior hostess council of the USO, a group active in volunteer work at the Ladd Air Force Base Hospital.

Asian Flu should bypass the Deaconess. More than 900 employees and 175 students received vaccine in the Health Center.

Honored recently was Miss Rose L. Martin, R.R.L., assistant record librarian, who was elected vice-president of the Massachusetts Association of Medical Record Librarians.

Dr. Samuel F. Marshall of the Deaconess Hospital and Lahey Clinic has been elected president of the New England Surgical Society.

One Doctor To Another

The following was addressed to Dr. Shields Warren:

I am writing this to you as my oldest friend at the New England Deaconess Hospital. I have just left the Hospital, after a laporotomy one week ago. I have never seen such a high level of professional achievement anywhere in all branches of the hospital with which I came in contact.

This is just to tell you how grateful I am and how as a professional colleague I look with admiration on what must give you and your colleagues deep satisfaction.

All of this unquestionably can be translated in terms of health and life for the patients and economic consideration for the family group involved.

Please may I convey through you to your colleagues on the staff my deep gratitude and my unqualified admiration.

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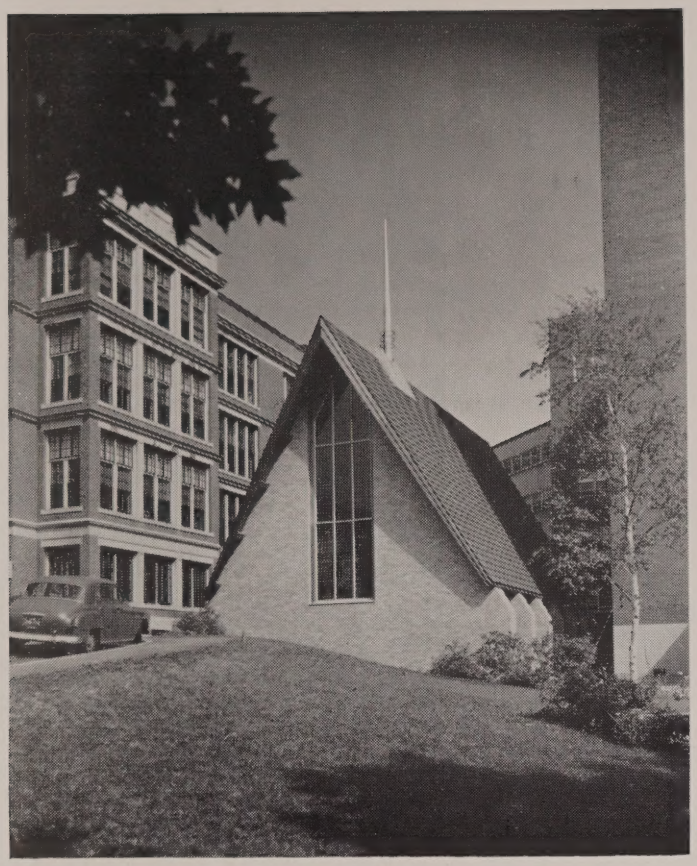
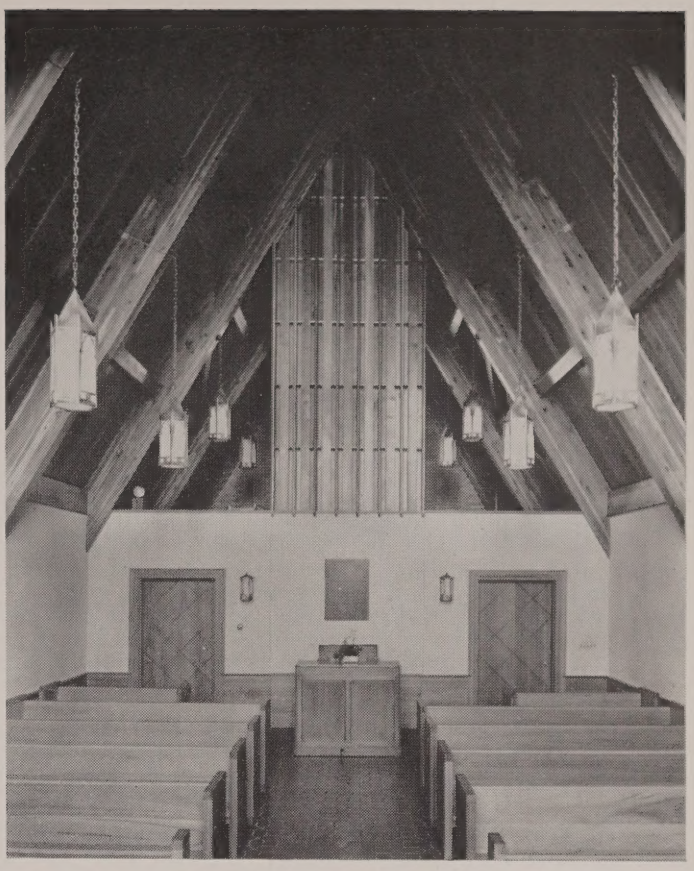
The letter was signed by Dr. Sidney Farber, Director of Research at the Children's Cancer Research Foundation.





LETTERS FROM PATIENTS - CAUSE FOR PRIDE

Dear Mr. Lowry:

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you and to the staff of the New England Deaconess Hospital for the excellent and cordial care which I received during the month I was hospitalized with you.

The nurses, students, aides, residents and technicians were always considerate and cheerful in carrying out their duties.

I have been associated with St. Luke's Hospital of New Bedford for approximately ten years, serving on the Finance Committee and as treasurer; therefore, I have a "first-hand" knowledge of hospital management.

Your dieticians and kitchen help are to be congratulated in the excellent way of making and serving the food hot and most palatable.

If one has to be confined, I know of no better place than the Deaconess.

T. M. Greene

Numerous other letters have been received recently. These are too many and too long to reprint in their entirety. The following excerpts, however, express the general content of all:

"I have been impressed by the genuine goodness, interest and care with which even the smallest items are considered. At this time of sickness and concern, I can assure you that it means a great deal to receive a smile, an encouraging word, a prompt attendance to a need.

"I keep marveling that such a large number of people, each doing their individual work, should be in such identical accord. The same gracious courtesy comes from hostesses, elevator personnel, head nurses, practical nurses, student nurses, and aides."

"I wish to express my gratitude for the most efficient and courteous treatment I received from all the nurses, the X-ray department and Dr. Zipoli. Everyone was so kind and thoughtful. As an R.N., I would naturally be aware of any incompetence."

"There surely can't be a better hospital anywhere for any price. My accommodations, the nurses and the general atmosphere of the hospital did their part in my speedy recovery from surgery.

"The whole staff, from the doorman who ushered me to the admissions desk to the porter who took me downstairs when I was ready to be discharged, treated me with the utmost friendliness and spirit of cooperation."

"The service I received from all the staff members, the doctors, the head nurses, the student nurses, the nurses aides, the volunteers, all the technicians, the dieticians and the housekeeping department was superior in every way.

"The food, and I was on a 1,000 calorie diet, was good, hot and attractively served."

NEW LOOK COMING

Palmer, Baker and Deaconess buildings will soon boast a completely new look. The project of refurnishing these three patient buildings was started in mid-October and will extend for several weeks.

Replacing the older furniture will be "vari-hite" beds, dressers, chairs, cabinets, bed tables and other new units.

According to Cliff Fisher, purchasing agent, all new beds will have safety sides attached and many other modern features will provide added comfort and service to patients.

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Editorially Speaking

Time for "Work Break"

Seen recently on the bulletin board of a neighboring firm:

TO ALL EMPLOYEES

Due to increased competition and a keen desire to remain in business, we find it necessary to institute a new policy —

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

We are asking that somewhere between starting and quitting time and without infringing too much on the time usually devoted to lunch period, coffee breaks, rest period, story telling, ticket selling, vacation planning, and the rehashing of yesterday's TV programs, that each employee endeavor to find some time that can be set aside and known as the "WORK BREAK".

To some, this may seem a radical innovation, but we honestly believe the idea has great possibilities. It can conceivably be an aid to steady employment and it might also be a means of assuring regular pay checks.

While the adoption of the Work Break Plan is not compulsory, it is hoped that each employee will find enough time to give the plan a fair trial.

The Management

The notice seemed worth borrowing, for "work break" is the most profitable interlude of the day for the conscientious employee who seeks satisfaction and progress in his job. Abuse of the various "breaks" during the working period eventually harms ourselves and those we seek to serve.

Junior Volunteers Donate More than 1000 Hours;

Students from 11 Schools Aid in Summer Months

More than 1,000 working hours were donated in July and August by Junior Volunteers.

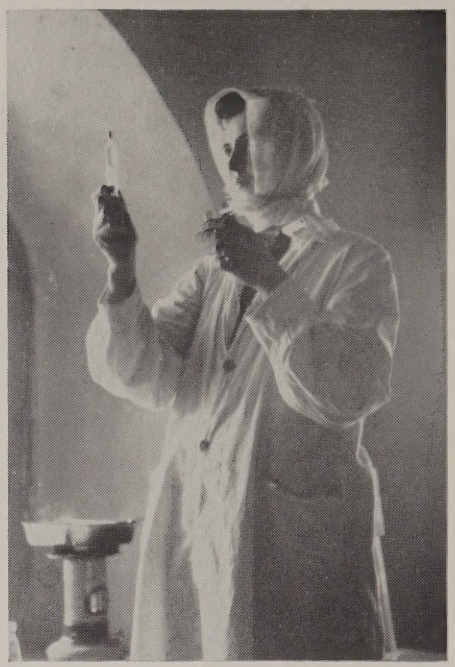
Students from 11 different schools served as typists, ward helpers and nurses aides. The group of 25 assisted in the gift shop, messenger service, purchasing department and, unil it closed for renovation in mid-July, in the coffee shop.

Doris Robash of Girls Latin School and Dennis Marotta of English High School, the son of Deaconess barber Sam Marotta, gave over 100 hours of service during the summer.

David Dorney of the young volunteer group at Deaconess was selected as one of four student speakers for a recognition program sponsored by the United Community Services.

Miss Marion Hoar arranged a party for the Junior Volunteers.

Nurse in Iran



DEACONESS GRAD — Olivia Raymond Buchanan, class of 1949, performs nursing duties in the mountain wilderness of Iran. While living in the country with her husband and two children, she visited an Italian doctor serving the Moslem residents of the primitive area. With head covered in accordance with local custom, she put her nursing knowledge to humanitarian use.

CREDIT UNION OFFERS BEST WAY OF SAVING

All employees are reminded that they are eligible to join the Alpha Credit Union, a convenient place to save for a "rainy day."

October 31 is the end of the fiscal year, and shares that have been on deposit for one or more months will be eligible for dividends to be declared at the annual meeting in November.

The ACU has helped many of its members to save for tuition charges this fall at schools ranging from the Art Museum to medical school. In some cases, the tuition was made available through a loan to parents who are Deaconess employees, for a son or daughter.

The place to save for education, vacation, Christmas gifts — any "provident purpose" — is the Alpha Credit Union. Deposits are made at the Central I office on Friday mornings.

12 BOWLING TEAMS COMPETE IN DEACONESS LEAGUE USING NEW TWO-DIVISION SYSTEM

Competition flared anew in September as the Deaconess Hospital's reorganized bowling league recorded the first scores of the season on a clean slate.

A neck-in-neck fight to the finish is anticipated under a new system which places two divisions of six teams each in opposition. October 10 sessions at the Boylston Bowladrome thrust Walter Emery's team into the Division A lead with 14 points. A 16 point tally earned first place in Division B for Donald Sabine's group.

Other Division A team captains are Charles Schraub, Pierre LeBlanc, Cliff Fisher, Milton Nelson and Charlie Spaulding.

Heading Division B teams are Don Lowry, Veglia Caccivio, Wesley Sprague, Herman Lasoff and Joan Hougham.

League chairman for the year is Purchasing Agent Cliff Fisher. As in the past, Deaconess teams bowl on Thursday nights.

Awards are presented to winners in various categories at a steak and lobster picnic at the end of the season in May.

CHAMPS AGAIN — Herman Decker, chairman of last season's Bowling League, presents trophy to Walter Emery, captain of the Laundry Team, at league picnic. The team was victorious for the third consecutive season. Team members, left to right, are Jenaro Gonzalez, Ramon Gonzalez and Jim Halligan.

BOWLING SCORES

DIVISION A — Total Pts. 66

Team	Pfll.	Pts.
1 W. Emery	7158	14
2 C. Schraub	7223	13
11 P. LeBlanc	5548	13
4 C. Fisher	7126	11
5 M. Nelson	6994	10
3 C. Spalding	6850	5

High Singles for the Year	
B. Hart	120
Frances Servente	105

High 3-String for the Year	
C. Schraub	316
Mary Wood	264

High Average for the Year	
C. Schraub	98
B. Hart	98
Mary Wood	88

DIVISION B — Total Pts. 50

Team	Pfll.	Pts.
6 D. Sabine	7175	16
8 R. D. Lowry	6948	9
7 V. Caccivio	6970	7
10 W. Sprague	6926	7
12 J. Hougham	5499	7
9 H. Lasoff	5272	4

High Singles for the Year	
R. D. Lowry	132
Veglia Caccivio	117

High 3-String for the Year	
R. D. Lowry	332
Veglia Caccivio	294

High Average for the Year	
R. D. Lowry	100
Veglia Caccivio	86

Gone But Not Forgotten

Jaundice, a small orange-yellow canary of dubious ancestry, joined the Pathology Department as irregular personnel in March 1954. She chose her new home by fluttering outside the window of the office until she was let in and caught by one of the residents.

Her cheery chirping was stimulated by typewriting, a fad which some thought clearly indicated that she was deliberately planted by the pathologists. Her indubitable personality has been missed by many since her death, due to pneumonia.

Sprague Appointed

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He is a member and past trustee of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators and the American Hospital Association.

A veteran of World War II, he served as a captain in the Army Signal Corps.

And Deaconess has added a new name to its roster of fishing enthusiasts. Sprague prefers to cast a line in fresh water, the more remote from civilization, the better. He invaded the wilds of Canada on his most recent fishing expedition.

The trout and bass of Maine have the most to fear, however, for the Pine Tree State is his favorite recreation area.

KNOW ANYONE SEEKING A JOB?

Do you have any friends or relatives who would be interested in working at the Deaconess Hospital?

The Personnel Department maintains an up to date listing on all openings. These naturally vary from day to day, but there are usually openings in the Dietary Department, Central Supply, Administrative Services and of course Nursing.

If you know of anyone who is looking for a job, why not suggest that he or she drop by our Personnel Department, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5.

ENLARGED COFFEE SHOP OPENED BY FRIENDS

New Coffee Shop Interior

View from Central Lobby

Gala opening of the newly expanded coffee shop was held by the Friends of the Deaconess on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Extending into the area formerly occupied by the doctors' lounge, the shop now adjoins a kitchen. Air conditioning assures comfort at all times. Thirty counter stools are colored to match the smocks worn by the volunteers staffing the shop.

Soft tones of beige, yellow and blue provide an attractive color scheme.

The need for more volunteers, in view of the increased service to be offered, was stressed by Mrs. Margery Homer, Director of Volunteer Service.

MODERN KITCHEN adjoining expanded Friends of the Deaconess coffee shop is used by Mrs. Ruth Schwaibold, left, cooking food on the stove, and Mrs. Anna Davidson, preparing sandwiches.

BOOKS, INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THREE DEACONESS LIBRARIES

Hospital personnel, patients and staff who delve into books for pleasure or education will find three libraries ready to cater to their needs.

Mrs. Beryl B. Paine is now devoting full time to the students library in Harris Hall. The School of Nursing library is equipped to answer general reference questions through information available in up-to-date encyclopedias, periodical indexes and other sources. Telephone extension 386.

Mrs. Ruth L. Wells is keeping the book wagon rolling to all patient floors twice weekly. She is assisted by volunteers, including Mrs. Alice Cowen, Miss Ruth Nagle and Mrs. Peretsky.

Miss Eleanore A. Lewis is aiding resident and staff doctors in the revitalized Medical Library.

DOCTORS' LOUNGE GOES TO BAKER, CLASSROOM SHIFTS TO DEACONESS II

Coffee shop expansion brought beneficial changes to two other important hospital areas — the classroom on Baker I and the doctors' lounge.

The doctors' lounge, previously to the rear of the coffee shop, was shifted to the area occupied by the Baker I classroom. Expanded and redecorated, the lounge has a convenient entrance in the main lobby of Central I.

Also modernized and more convenient for those using it is the classroom which is now located on Deaconess II.